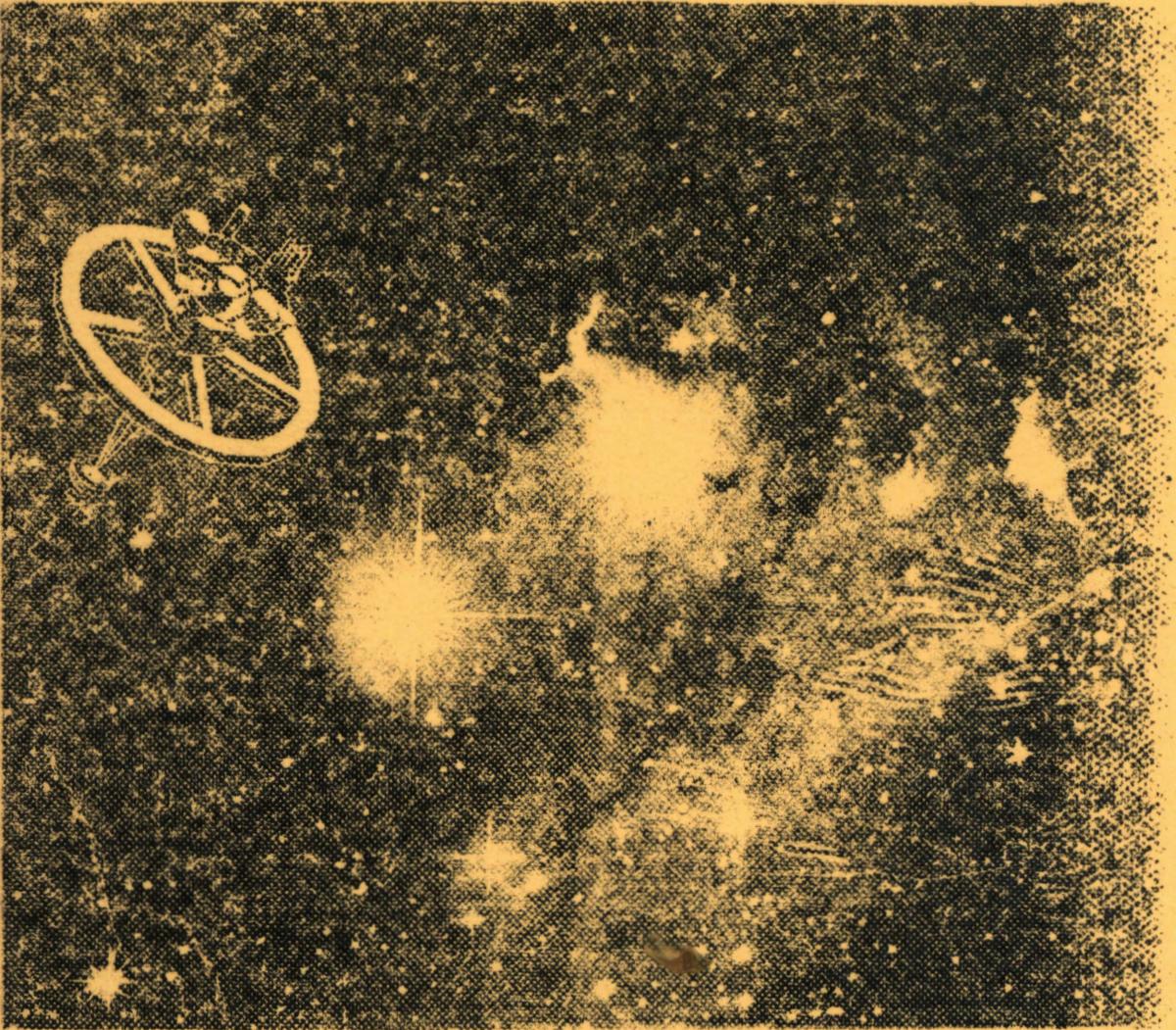


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EDITORIAL

Without doubt, this has been one of the most eventful
periods of UFO activity for many years. The nationwide pub-
licity culminating in the now famous Warminster meeting seems
to have died down as this is being written. The national news
media has wrung out its quota of sensationalism and ridicule
but, one thing will not be quite the same. Realization is
dawning by many people that the things seen and heard at
Warminster by so many sane witnesses were not 'spots before
the eyes' or 'noises in the head' but were actually up there.
The number of groups interested in UFO's is steadily growing
in Britain and we on the Isle of Wight are fortunate in hav-
ing a core of enthusiasts headed by Leonard Cramp who is
one of the most analytical minds on the subject. The Editor
was recently privileged to peruse some material for Mr. Cramp's
new book, which should see the light of day in the not too
distant future. It would not be overstating in this case to
say that it will be one of the most important books yet, on
phenomena and we hope it will be possible to print extracts
in future issues of SPACELINK.

The Adamski article printed in this issue will clear
the air for many people, and alternatively for some, may
push even further into the realm of fantasy the whole Adamski
story. A personal comment by the Editor on Adamski. I have a
feeling that it is not coincidence that so many sightings
come back to the classic 'Scoutship' configuration. Even
as I write this I have before me a report in a Hampshire
newspaper received today of yet another sighting. This time
by an Andover schoolgirl. She sent a drawing to the paper
and it shows a shape similar to the Warminster 'Thing'
featured in this issue. She may of course have been dreaming.

There has been plenty of 'flying saucer' talk just recently
in the press to impress the gullible, on the other hand, she
could just as well have seen what she claimed to have seen.

Where will all this interest get us? I suspect many UFO
enthusiasts ask themselves this question eventually, Editors
of UFO magazines do, constantly! For my part and in a light-
hearted vein, although there is always the possibility that
future events in the UFO realm may bypass the UFO groups and
find its way (God forbid) on to some petty beurocrat's desk!
It will, in that event, be nice to say "We knew all along,
of course!", to an incredulous world unaware of what was
going on, right in its midst. The Warminster 'Thing' is but
one of the portents of 'things to come!'.

F.W. Smith, Editor.

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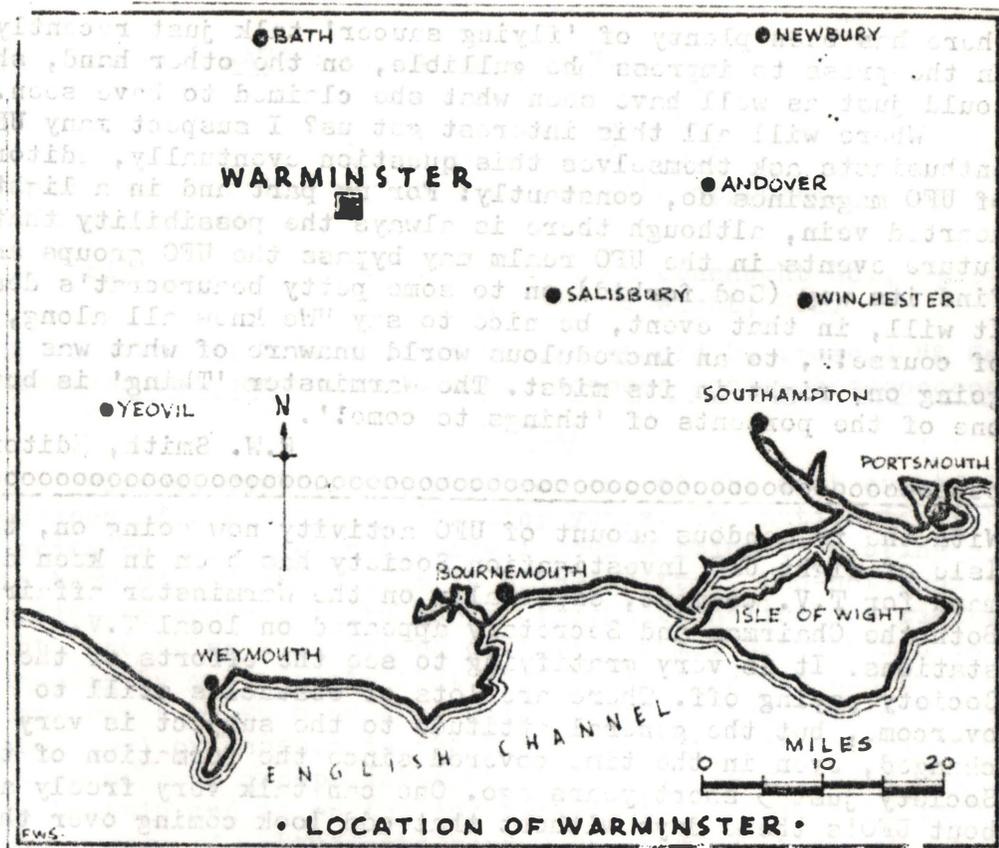
With the tremendous amount of UFO activity now going on, the
Isle of Wight UFO Investigation Society has been in keen de-
mand for T.V. comment, especially on the Warminster affair.
Both the Chairman and Secretary appeared on local T.V.
stations. It is very gratifying to see the efforts of the
Society paying off. There are lots of obstacles still to
overcome, but the general attitude to the subject is very
changed, even in the time covered since the formation of the
Society just 3 short years ago. One can talk very freely a-
bout UFO's these days without that odd look coming over the
listener!

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We welcome your letters commenting on 'SPACELINK'. We try to
print a good cross-section of comment on UFO's and we think
that generally it has succeeded. We must remind readers that
the whole journal is produced on a shoestring budget and
finances are running a little thin as this issue goes to
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support us with your continued subscriptions and spread the
word! If you don't like 'SPACELINK', tell us!

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WARMINSTER MEETING SPECIAL REPORT
By F.W. Smith, Editor 'SPACELINK'

Friday August 27th. 1965 - Warminster, Wiltshire, England.

This date will certainly go down as a red letter day in the annals of UFO research and the Editor would venture to suggest that something of a breakthrough was achieved.

When the Warminster story was first mentioned in the last issue of 'SPACELINK' it could hardly be envisaged then that the happenings which had been reported up to that time would avalanche into the nationwide news story which it subsequently did. As a delegate of I.W.U.F.O.I.S. and 'SPACELINK', the Editor, accompanied by Will Hannam, Programme Secretary, made the very pleasant journey to the attractive country market town in Wiltshire.

Our first call on arrival in Warminster was on Mr. Emlyn Rees, Chairman of the Council. He briefly gave us the reason for calling the meeting and, obviously a little weary from incessant 'phone calls and stacks of correspondence, we left him to await the start of the evening meeting.

Excitement ran high as 7.30 approached; we managed to get seats in the front row. The glare of the floodlights, the last minute checking of sound and cine equipment and the steady filling of the hall, contributed to the expectant air. A gallery at the rear of the hall was manned in force by both local and national pressmen.

Some 300 people packed into the ancient Town Hall and it was estimated another 200 to 300 could not get in, police were called to supervise. We were quickly pounced on by both radio and television reporters and it was obvious they were expecting something unusual from the evening.

A very brief run through of the reported events which led up to the meeting will clarify the situation. As stated earlier, 'SPACELINK's' last issue reported briefly the story of the 'Menacing noises that can kill a bird', in which a certain Mr. David Holton claimed to have startling evidence concerning weird noises which had terrified Warminster residents and even killed pigeons in flight. This story, and others, simmered for a few weeks and boiled over with the disclosure in a national mass circulation Sunday newspaper that Mr. Holton had dramatically burned all his files! He did this, he claimed, to avoid betraying confidences he had made during his investigations and which could be made public at the meeting being called to discuss the phenomena of noises and lights.

Holton described himself in the press and a T.V. interview as a herbalist, and a consultant in medical jurisprudence for unregistered practitioners. "It is an interference from outer space, I can say no more than that", was all the comment he made. We are thus left with just one man's word concerning his claimed investigations, and conveniently closing the door by 'burning' the alleged files.

The Editor appeared on Southern Television in an interview with Holton and, because of the limited time available both before and after the programme, no further opportunity occurred to question him. That is all that can be reported on this mystery man, readers are left to judge his motives for themselves.

To return to the scene in the Town Hall: After a slight

delay the main speakers took their places on the platform under the relentless glare of the photofloods and intrusions of radio and T.V. technicians adjusting microphone sound levels to their satisfaction.

The Chairman, Mr. Emlyn Rees, opened the meeting very efficiently, explaining that it was called to "assure the population they have nothing to fear from the astral phenomena which has plagued them for the past two years".

Mr. John Cleary-Baker, Ph. D., evaluation officer of the British U.F.O. Research Association, then gave a most impressive, brief, off-the-cuff history of similar occurrences elsewhere and in historical records. He said that no less a body than the British Association of the Advancement of Science had made reference to the Warminster phenomena earlier this year. He was satisfied, after reading every report available, that the people who had seen and heard things in the sky, had not had hallucinations, and were not being hoaxed.

He defied sceptics to give any natural explanations, and advanced a personal theory that the 'thing', as it had been affectionately named, may be very interested in the military and research establishments on nearby Salisbury Plain, notably Porton Biological Establishment, which conducts germ warfare experiments. The 'thing' may be using nearby Cley Hill, 800 ft. high, as some sort of homing beacon.

He summed up by assuring the assembled Warminster residents that, in his opinion, there was nothing to fear from the phenomena, if harm was intended it would have had ample opportunity to do so in the past.

He concluded by inviting the people of Warminster to seize this unique opportunity of doing some investigating themselves and to set up an observation post equipped with cameras, binoculars and tape recorders. A step forward in knowledge could then be made in the face of official cold discouragement. Military authorities were invited to the meeting but did not put in an appearance, at least not in uniform!

The Chairman then called for any witnesses of the phenomena to come forward. Six hands bravely appeared but understandably, in front of the cameras and pressmen, many more known witnesses did not face the ordeal of public exposure. One lady came to the front of the hall and described how petrified she had been by a terrifying noise heard in the early hours of August 11. It had started off as a droning sound and a brilliant light was seen. The wound lasted half an hour and whe

amazed that none of her neighbours appeared to have heard the terrifying sound. Mr. Cleary-Baker suggested that the sound could possibly have been beamed directionally and that she had been directly in its path.

One man described how all the tiles on his roof seemed to have been lifted up and rattled down again. Many weird and varying tales had appeared in local and national newspapers. One local reporter present countered an attack by one resident accusing the press of cooking the stories by saying he had personally interviewed 49 witnesses locally, including 8 children.

The best reported story concerned the vicar's wife at nearby Heytesbury, who said she and her 12 year old son had seen a cylindrical thing hovering in the sky for half an hour before turning on its end and vanishing. The 'mystery man' Holton claimed to have had some 200 reports in the files which he 'burnt'.

The nationwide publicity had attracted many groups and UFO researchers of all kinds. The Athenrius Society were represented and their spokesman gave its views from the back of the hall. He claimed, -amongst much murmuring from the audience! - that cigar-shaped mother ships with accompanying scout craft appearing from them, were known (by the Athenrius Society) to come from inhabited planets in our Solar System, and named two of them as Mars and Venus. He also claimed that he had personally watched missiles fired at UFO's in California in 1960 and that certain UFO's were surrounded by a 'force screen' and had caused aircraft to crash that had deliberately or inadvertently, come too close. He further claimed there was an official government embargo on UFO information. Some light hearted banter then followed when one rather large and noisy gentleman got up and informed the audience that the noise appeared to be more noticeable on nights when a certain police constable patrolled his beat on his small and noisy autocycle!

The Chairman then read out, from an obvious practical joker, a telegram reading "INVESTIGATIONS COMPLETED, INVASION FEARS UNFOUNDED, CARRY ON EMLYN - DR. WHO" ! Dr. Who, of course being the famous character on B.B.C.T.V. whose adventures in space and time occupy the attention of half Britain's youngsters and many grown-ups too, on Saturday afternoons.

Continuing in a more serious mood was the next speaker from the platform. The Rev. Maurice Inge very expertly described how he had been invited to explain how many conventional objects are now orbiting the Earth many visible with the naked

eye, especially when they re-entered the Earth's atmosphere and burnt up. He operated from his home at Orcheston on Salisbury Plain, an official satellite tracking station. Satellites are tracked by some 30 similar groups in the British Isles, reporting every day their findings to Government Establishments at Ditton Park Radio Centre, and the Royal Aircraft Establishment, Farnborough. Prediction charts were issued to these stations to assist in identifying known object. Unidentified objects are sometimes seen, but the authorities apparently acknowledge these without comment! The Rev. Inge said that the Government Centres were interested in the public meeting this evening. Some 500 assorted satellites and associated hardware are now in orbit and Rev. Inge showed some excellent time exposure photographs of satellite tracks pinpointed against a star background. He appealed to the meeting to set up observation posts locally and agreed with Dr. Cleary-Baker, of the need to investigate UFO sightings and associated phenomena more fully. At this point, a man in the audience stood up and said he was willing to organise a rota of people locally who might be interested in setting up an observation post complete with cameras, tape recorders, etc.

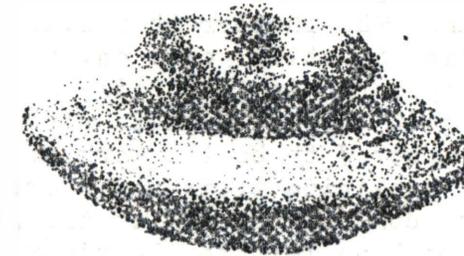
The final speaker was Dr. G. Doel, M.R.C.S., M.R.C.P. D.M.R.B., Chairman of the British UFO Research Association, he wound up the meeting by congratulating Mr. Emlyn Rees for calling the meeting and helping to allay the fears of the local population. An appeal to all the witnesses who did not come forward was made and the British UFO Research Assn. would certainly see that no names would be divulged, if so requested, in any published findings.

This ended a truly unique event. The big question still remains, what is the 'Thing'? From all that transpired we can be certain that a puzzling phenomena is occurring at Warminster with many witnesses.

We also saw the UFO subject given an excellent unbiased hearing before the nation's T.V. and press. What happens now? This is being written three weeks after the event and a lot has happened in that time. Independent Television News featured Warminster in a well balanced report on UFO's generally, with film of the Montana objects from United Artist's 'Unidentified Flying Objects' documentary, interviews with the Editor of the British 'Flying Saucer Review' Mr. Charles Bowen, Mr. Gordon Creighton director of FSR, Francis Chichester the famous yachtsman who saw a UFO in 1930, last but not least

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other than our own dear Astronomer Royal, who dismissed the whole thing with a smile (someone really should send him a copy of NICAP's 'The UFO Evidence').



THE WARMINSTER 'THING'

A DRAWING TAKEN FROM A NEWSPAPER REPRODUCTION OF THE PHOTOGRAPH TAKEN ON AUGUST 29th 1965 BY 23 YEAR OLD GORDON FAULKNER, FACTORY WORKER OF WARMINSTER. THE PHOTO FEATURED IN A DOUBLE PAGE ARTICLE IN THE 'DAILY MIRROR' SEPT 10th. CIRCULATION FIVE MILLION.

The biggest story to break since the 27th August was undoubtedly the publishing of a photograph in the 'Daily Mirror' (circulation 5 million) showing a classic 'flying saucer' object claimed to have been snapped as it flew low over Warminster, two days after the public meeting. The Editor of the 'Warminster Journal' wrote an article in the 'Daily Mirror' and he endorsed the stories which have poured in from witnesses, some 190 pieces of evidence having been dealt with in 9 months. 70% Of the visual reports have stressed "huge eyes in the sky" or "like car headlights glancing down". A random spot-check of public opinion carried out by the Editor showed that, among 100 people, 15% think it feasible we are under aerial survey from another planet. What does he think about the 'thing'? "So far as I'm concerned, it really is OUT OF THIS WORLD, and its an effort to admit that too!" was his reply.

Mr. Leonard Cramp, Chairman of the Isle of Wight U.F.O. Investigation Society, and author of 'Space Gravity and the Flying Saucer' was interviewed on B.B.C. T.V. Southampton on Sept. 10th. and commented on the photograph, he believed it to be genuine. The photograph inevitably started off controversy which is still going on. A hoax photograph of a flying saucer appeared in the 'Daily Mirror' on Sept. 11th. and a hoax 'object' found complete with parachute in the Thames Estuary proved to be the work of Students of R.A.F. Farnborough to publicise their rag week!

So we have come right back to the ridiculous level! The serious side has been left to the minority while the worlds unthinking millions go about their mundane business! It was ever thus!

The final chapter in the Warminster 'thing' story has yet to be written: We hope we can print it.

F.W.S.

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A cross-section of press reports on Warminster incidents

- 1) Mrs. Dora Horlock saw a "Blood-red ball of light which revolved until it appeared as twin glowing pointers with a black space in between". Her cat was scared of it and hid.
- 2) Mrs. Graham Phillips, wife of the Vicar of Haytesbury, and her son Nigel, saw a "glowing cigar-shaped object" high in the sky. It hovered for half-an-hour then became shorter as though turning on its axis, and disappeared. Twenty other people in the village, which is four miles from Warminster, claim to have seen the object.
- 3) Four weeks after the sighting, 22 people said they saw a flying object like "two red hot pointers on top of each other".
- 4) Postmaster Mr. Roger Rump, said he was awakened by a rattling noise which sounded like "tiles falling off the roof".
- 5) A lady reported hearing a humming and a sound "like grit being unloaded from a lorry" whilst walking to church. The sound got louder and passed over her head.
- 6) Mr. & Mrs. Bill Maison, Hillwood Close, Warminster, were

woken by 'crackling sounds' as if sacks of coal were being tipped on to a roof. Several dead mice, riddled with tiny holes, were found near the Maisons home. Mrs. Maison said she had heard the sounds three times in one day.

(7) A family reported hearing the noise, and one mother said her young daughter was 'partially paralysed' by it.

(8) Witness heard noise described as similar to a telephone crackling accompanied by a persistent hum which increased in intensity until passing over his head. It disturbed a flock of pigeons which flew across its path in terror. Several of the birds wheeled and dropped lifeless to the ground. He examined the birds which though still warm were completely stiff, a case of instantaneous rigor mortis.

(9) A former army officer, Major Bill Hill, was driving his car near Warminster, when it was mysteriously brought to a halt. "It started jumping and jolting up and down violently with its wheels leaving the ground". He got out to inspect his engine, and was rocked by air vibrations which surrounded and beat down on him. "I sensed something fantastic and oddly sinister in the air", he said. After three minutes the sounds disappeared and he was able to start up the car again. A thorough check the following day showed the car to be in perfect working order.

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WARMINSTER'S THING

Report from an interested party in Germany.

Some of you may remember S.A.P.I.G*. which started up about 18 months ago in Southampton, at that time, I was head of investigations for the group. After a time I left Southampton, owing to a change of employment.

However, I am now in the Royal Engineers and, as I am in Germany, have found it not so easy to keep correspondence going between myself and the Group.

But, owing to recent developments in the Warminster area, I felt I should submit a small piece to 'SPACELINK'.

* Southampton Aerial Phenomena Investigation Group.

Mr. Tilse was kind enough to send us the following personal report as follows:-
Please accept my apologies for answering your enquiry in this form (a roneod circular) but it would be impossible to do otherwise with the many requests for information I have received. I admit the previous reports of U.F.C.s. left me with a belief that some people had a vivid imagination. Some people now think the same of Mr. Judin, Mr. Burgess and myself.

Many local people claim it was just a publicity stunt. It was not, but I have not gone out of my way to try to persuade them otherwise.

Below is a copy of a report which I feel will cover enquiries. Mr. Judin, Mr. Burgess and I met together last night for the first time since the sighting. We do not now agree on certain aspects, but taken all over, we are reasonably in accord.

NAME: James William Tilse.

PROFESSION, OCCUPATION, ETC. Senior Commercial Pilot. Hotel Owner.

TIME OF DAY 23/5/65 (Really the 24th.) 12.05 (231405z)

DURATION OF SIGHTING: 40 mins. approximately.

THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF OBSERVATION:

Mr. Burgess, Mr. Judin and myself had been playing cards. Mr. Burgess went out to the front of the Hotel to move my truck. He called Mr. Judin, who then called me. It was not seen alighting by any of us.

WEATHER CONDITIONS:

Sky practically cloudless. Moon approximately 30° above horizon and perhaps 20° to left of object. Temperature roughly 80° .

OBJECTS WATCHED BY: Naked eye.

WITNESSES: Mr. Judin c/o Hotel, Mr. J. Burgess c/o Main Roads Dept. Nebo Via, Mackay, and myself.

PHOTOS: Photos were taken on high speed Ektachrome. These photos will be forwarded for processing under another persons name.

SITUATION AT THE TIME: Explained above.

THE SHAPE: No change in shape whatsoever throughout sighting. It being a well defined machine, solid and metallic.

APPARENT SIZE: Presuming the disc at the top to be 30' thickness of disc would be 1', and a height of 15'. Mr. Judin estimates disc dia. as 20' and Mr. Burgess 16'.

PROMINENT FEATURES: None, apart from large banks of flood-lights in rows. 10.9.8.7.6. (This may not be accurate). No sparks or vapour trails were observed nor scorching of ground. Tops of trees appeared to be burned.

COLOUR: As observed in the light of the Moon, Charcoal.

SCOUND: Whilst on the ground approaching and receding, none, Mr. Burgess and Mr. Judin said they heard a buzz (described as similar to a bee) on departure. I was closer to the Hotel generating plant: Heard nothing on departure.

DIRECTION OF TRAJECTORY: SPEED OF TRAVEL: On departure rose slowly to approximately 300', then accelerated extremely rapidly in a N/E to E direction. Would have been flying horizontally.

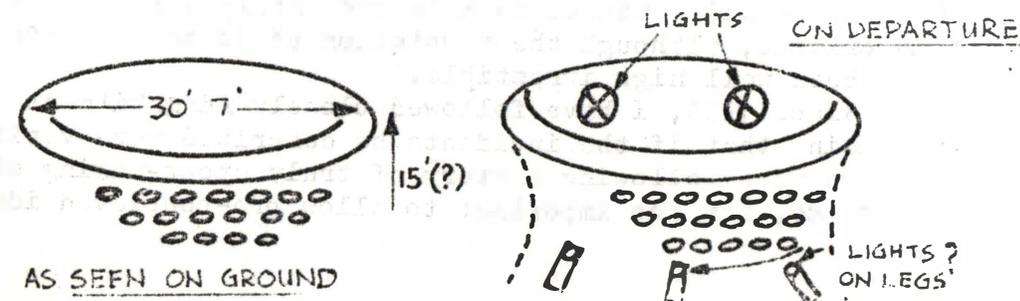
MOTION: A steady flight.

SIGNS OF LIFE: None, but obviously controlled by intelligent beings.

EFFECTS: None psychologically. Fear (by observers).

ELECTRO-MAGNETIC EFFECTS: No radios in operation. Lights O.K. Our power generated by diesel, 240 volts.

DESCRIPTION OF SIGHTING: Object was observed as mentioned and on its approach toward us, I rang up the Mackay Police Station. Our 'phone is one on a party line and a cattle property approximately $\frac{1}{4}$ of a mile away was contacted whilst police were on the 'phone. The owner, Mr. B. Wright, had binoculars, but could observe nothing, possibly because there is a ridge between his homestead and the Hotel. The object remained for approximately 20 mins. after the report. During the period on the ground (or hovering), the undersides of the trees were illuminated. A circular impression was found on the ground in the vicinity 2 days later and was measured by the local police. The centre of the circle was untouched. The outside impression was 20' from the inside to inside and extended 3'2" outwards. It was a perfect circle, diameter did not vary. It was practically under a telephone line. No evidence of damage can be seen to the 'phone lines or poles.



EDITOR'S FOREWORD

George Adamski who died in April this year will go down in the history of UFO research as the man responsible above all others for introducing the subject to many hundreds of thousands of people all over the world. His critics are many, but so are his supporters.

Mr. Cleary-Baker's 'The Case Against George Adamski' (SPACELINK Vol. 1 No. 5) gave one man's personal opinion of the affair. The following article by Mr. Rudman is another; he has requested that no editing or cutting be made, and this has been strictly observed, as was Mr. Cleary-Baker's article. It is not intended to prolong discussion of the Adamski story in future issues, much time and ink having already been spent elsewhere, readers having anyhow doubtless decided on which side of the Adamski fence they are sitting. The Editor and 'SPACELINK' will sit firmly on the fence until such time as Adamski is either completely repudiated or completely vindicated by new evidence, and we shall publish either. Editor.

Should any readers wish to correspond with the two 'contestants' their addresses are:-

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Weeks,
WINCHESTER, Hants.

THE CASE FOR GEORGE ADAMSKI

by David Rudman (British Flying Saucer Bureau)

The late George Adamski was a pioneer, like many pioneers, he had to face, with as much equanimity as he could muster, a great deal of ill founded criticism. He himself seemed resigned to this and rarely struck back at his critics, although the temptation to do so must often have been well nigh irresistible.

Since 1953, I have followed closely Adamski's claims, realising that if the incidents he described were verifiable then we were following a story of truly epoch-making significance, far too important to allow pre-conceived ideas

to cloud the issue or ill considered judgement to decide it.

Ten years ago, I wrote for the 'Uranus' magazine, an article entitled "The Adamski Controversy" in which an objective review of Adamski's claims was given. The positive facts brought to his support were never seriously challenged. Since then, further evidence has come to light and I propose, therefore, to go through his story again, commencing with the first claimed contact of November 20th. 1952.

On that day Adamski, with six companions, went out into the Californian Desert hoping to make contact with the Space Visitors. Adamski was the acknowledged leader of the expedition and, following what he described as his 'hunches' eventually led them to a spot about ten miles from Desert Centre. These 'hunches' or 'impressions' will figure prominently in this narrative in due course. For the moment the fact is noted but not elaborated upon. About noon a conventional two-motor plane passed almost overhead and they watched it until it almost disappeared in the distance. Then suddenly and simultaneously they all turned to look again at the mountain ridge over which the plane had appeared, and there, riding high was a gigantic cigar-shaped silvery craft without wings or appendages. After slowly drifting in their direction it stopped, hovering motionless in the air. George Runt Williamson, one of the witnesses, confirmed to me on a visit to Bristol, that everyone present did in fact see the craft. Again following his 'hunch' Adamski, with two others got back into their car and drove about half a mile, the huge craft overhead turning and following and, as the car stopped the craft stopped, hovering for the second time. This fact adequately disposes of J. Cleary-Baker's 'plane' theory. Then Adamski told his two companions to rejoin the others while he went on alone. According to Desmond Leslie, there was a very good reason for this agreed by all concerned but, in 1954 at least, Mr. Leslie did not feel at liberty to give it. It is to be hoped that he will one day be able to break his silence on this matter. Be that as it may, the large craft then turned again, crossing the crest of the mountains, while a number of 'planes' passed overhead apparently trying to circle it. The craft then turned its nose upwards and shot into space.

In 1956, thanks to the efforts of Mr. Richard Ogden, it was ascertained from the U.S. Air Force A.T.I.C. that Project Bluebook Special Report No. 14 included a report by an Air Force pilot on November 20th. 1952 from the general vicinity of Desert Centre, California. Pressing for further details

Mr. Ogden was told bluntly that "it is Air Force policy not to release details of its U.F.O. investigations". A further letter from Mr. Ogden in 1957, again requesting details, was ignored completely. Readers are left to draw their own conclusions.

Now for the famous contact. George Hunt Williamson told me that although the distance separating the watchers was too great to pick out the fine detail he could see that Adamski was indeed with another 'person'. He also told me that when he finally arrived at the contact area, Adamski's footprints could be seen approaching and leaving it, but the visitor's footprints came to an abrupt halt. The 'accomplice' who, according to J. Cleary-Baker, must have imitated a space-man, would therefore have had to acquire the rather unusual ability to disappear into thin air. And, according to Charles Davy, who in 1953 reviewed 'Flying Saucers Have Landed' for the London Observer, there was independent testimony to the existence of the footprints several days later. It will be necessary to return to these footprints in due course, when it will be seen that Adamski and his 'accomplice' would have required yet more remarkable abilities to carry out a hoax.

During the contact, Adamski's visitor had taken from him a filmholder with the promise that it would be returned. Twenty-three days later, on December 13th. the same craft in which the visitor had departed returned and the filmholder was dropped from it. Adamski was able to take four photographs of the craft through his six-inch telescope, three while the craft was hovering and one as it was just beginning to move. In addition, ex-Sgt. Jerrold E. Baker was able to take a photograph of it a short time later, using a Kodak Brownie. This photograph is reproduced on Plate (7) of 'Flying Saucers Have Landed'. Mr. Baker later typed and signed, in the presence of witnesses, a statement describing how the photograph was taken. The statement is too long to be given in full but the following extracts are essential. . . . "Suddenly in the corner of my eyes, I saw a circular object skim over the tree-tops from the general direction of the area where the Professor (sic) was located. It was a Flying Saucer - of that I was sure. I seriously thought it was going to land in the small clearing because of its extremely low altitude. I waited momentarily, mostly because of shock I guess as it continued coming closer. It then hung

in the air not over twelve feet high at the most, and about twenty-five feet from where I was standing. (my emphasis). It seemed as if it did this knowing I was there waiting to photograph it. I quickly snapped a picture and, as I did, it tilted slightly and zoomed upwards over the tree faster than anyone can almost imagine. . . . Then, in turning, I saw the Professor coming through the brush on the other side of the clearing and practically did flip-flops I was so excited over my good fortune. . . . These things I know for certain:-

- 1) The Saucer made no sound.
- 2) It was guided by superior intelligence.
- 3) There was a slight odour present as the saucer sped upwards.
- 4) It had port-holes and three huge ball-bearings - presumably landing gears.

Subsequently, Desmond Leslie talked to the local mayor and three other witnesses all of whom testified that when the plates were developed Mr. Baker was thrilled that his photograph had come out and kept drawing their attention to it - "Look at the one I took" sort of thing - in fact, he became a thorough bore. It must be stated, however, that Mr. Baker on June 29th. 1954, made a sworn statement, part of which reads as follows:- "In a recent book 'Flying Saucers Have Landed', an alleged photograph of a flying saucer was credited to Sergeant Jerrold E. Baker. I, the undersigned, am the said party I make this statement in hopes of separating fact from fiction, deceit from lies and the real from the unreal. I did not take the alleged photograph attributed to me. The alleged photograph was taken with the Brownie camera along with three or four similar 'photos by Mr. George Adamski on the morning of December 12th. 1952 and not on December 13th. 1952 as indicated (in the book)".

Mr. James W. Moseley, editor of the American Saucer Magazine 'Nexus' wrote in the January 1955 issue, a highly critical article concerning the events described in 'Flying Saucers Have Landed' making great use of material supplied by Mr. Baker. George Adamski declined to answer Moseley's criticism in detail, writing in a letter to 'Saucerian' in the Spring of 1955 . . . "Naturally, I could go into a detailed discussion about the points which Mr. Moseley had brought

out in an attempt to 'express' the truth about my experience. But the truth needs neither exposure nor defence. Time itself proves all truth. And so it will be in this case. Then it will be found that Mr. Moseley's statements and those of Mr. Baker are as false as was Dr. Laughhead's foretelling of a great catastrophe for Chicago and the World on December 21st. 1954 I can fully assure the world that I will never indulge in dishonesty of any kind for the promotion of self. The Brothers, who themselves are honest, would never stand for deceit of any kind. Should I ever indulge in a single act of falseness I would thereby forfeit the privilege of ever again meeting them and learning from them. That price would be too high for me to ever take such a chance".

So it would seem on the face of it, that here we have a case of Baker's (contradicted) word against Adamski's. Before trying to decide who is likely to be right it will be as well to look at the evidence for the authenticity of Adamski's photographs of the 'Scoutship' taken through his telescope. It was, of course, the reaction of many very clever people that Adamski had really photographed a light fixture with attached ping-pong balls. J. Cleary-Baker's somewhat original inclination is towards a 'marine mooring buoy'. Desmond Leslie's reply in 1954 to such suggestions is worth repeating:- "It is possible, on this planet, that anyone would do anything. Various intellectuals of outstanding I.Q. ratings have postulated lamp fixtures, copper-lids, pneumatic couplings, bath plugs, balls - assorted (ping, tennis, golf and allied sports) - also fitments by Doulton, Shanks and Thos. Crapper - the point being that any circular object in the universe has a certain resemblance to any other circular object in the universe. But, if anyone has the cunning enough to perpetrate a world-wide hoax, he would also have the wit not to photograph anything easily recognisable". In any case, the matter does not rest here, for on the morning of February 15th. 1954 a thirteen year old English boy, Stephen Darbishire accompanied by his eight year old cousin Adrian Myer, saw and photographed what seemed to be a 'Scoutship' near his home at Coniston in Lancashire. A highly significant aspect of the affair is that young Stephen felt an extraordinarily strong compulsion to go to the hill behind his home a compulsion which gave him no rest until he gave way to it. Something of this powerful urge must also have communicated itself to his Mother for she told Desmond Leslie that she had been except-

ionally ill at ease that morning, and as time went on she felt that "something terribly important was going on outside", that she was sitting inside the house "while the universe was going by". She became impatient with tradesmen and callers with, in fact, everyone and everything that kept her in-doors. Finally she could bear it no longer and had a weeping bout, a thing she said she very seldom experiences, for she is normally a very tranquil person. And Dr. Darbishire Stephen's father, when questioned about it later, said that young Adrian had said - "Stephen's having voices.." - to which an elder sister had retorted "Hail, Joan of Arc!". It should hardly be necessary at this point to remind the reader of Adamski's much maligned 'bunches'. Strangely enough it was Adrian who first saw the 'Scoutship' at the same time thumping Stephen on the back and shouting "Look at that thing". They both saw the craft descend behind some rising ground about a hundred yards away, come into view again after a few seconds, suddenly tip on its side and shoot up with a loud swish into the clouds "at an alarming rate". During the short period of the sighting, Stephen took two photographs of the craft with the camera which he had brought with him to take "a few bird pictures", bird-watching being one of his favourite pastimes. Then, very excited, the boys ran back to the house where the tale was breathlessly relayed to Dr. Darbishire who at first "frankly did not believe it". However, being an intelligent and open-minded man, he made his son sit down write a statement and draw what he had seen from memory. Stephen's statement described the craft as being made of "a plastic like metal through which light could travel but I could not see through it. It had three landing wheels or domes and a cabin, as in the diagram, with portholes in. The bottom came nearly to a point!". (Readers may recall that Adamski described the craft he had seen during his contact in the California Desert as being "shaped more like a heavy glass bell than a saucer. Yet I could not see through it any more than one can see through the glass bricks that are popular in some of the newer office buildings and homes. It was translucent and of exquisite colour".) The film was sent to a local photographer, Mr. Pattison, but before it was developed Stephen made a drawing of the object he had seen and his drawing very closely resembled the Adamski 'Scoutship'. Stephen stated, however, that he had never read 'Flying Saucers Have Landed' although he had seen a photograph of the Adamski craft in 'Illustrated', but that, whereas this photograph

Adamski had taken the trouble to copy from ancient stones in South America, after he had learned how to de-sensitise and re-impress a photographic plate. If, with all the other evidence so far adduced, J. Cleary-Baker will believe that he will believe anything.

And we have not even yet finished with the first contact for we have not looked at Adamski's description of the clothes worn by the visitor. He was dressed in a one-piece garment chocolate brown in colour and made with a rather full blouse, close fitting high collar, much like a turtle-neck although it did not turn down. The sleeves were long, slightly full with close fitting bands around the wrists. The trousers were rather full and held in at the ankles with bands like those on the sleeves at the wrists, and there was a band encircling the waist. The garment seemed to be made of a very fine material having a kind of 'radiance' about it. On April 7th. 1956, Mrs. Elizabeth Klarer, having experienced the previous day a strong compulsion to return from Durban to her farm in Natal, was taken into what she called a Scout Ship, which then took off. She described the two occupants of the craft as wearing dark brownish suits, the trousers narrowing down to the ankles, the shirt sleeves narrowing to the wrists and a high neckline. They wore close fitting garments, but light and comfortable, made of a material not unlike a coarse shiny nylon. For full details of this remarkable contact experience readers are referred to Vol. 2 No. 6 of Flying Saucer Review. For the moment it is only necessary to add that the occupants of the craft told Mrs. Klarer that they were from Venus. On July 17th. an identical craft returned and Mrs. Klarer, alerted once again, photographed it. Readers may also like to refer to F.S.R. Vol. 1 No. 4, where they will find that the occupant of a saucer seen on the ground in Norway was described as being clothed in a kind of overall, but as he wore a broad belt it could have been trousers and a blouse. The blouse fitted closely at the neck, but was otherwise loose. No buttons, zippers or fastenings could be seen. (I cannot resist mentioning in passing that when in 1963 Mrs. Klarer described her experiences to the famous Dr. Menzel and showed him her photograph of the craft in which she had flown, he questioned her closely with great eagerness, only to say to her finally, "Forget about Flying Saucers, they don't exist. What you saw and experienced was all hallucination".) This seems an appropriate moment to mention J. Cleary-Baker's extraordinary statement that Adamski offers us no concrete evidence whatsoever to

support his claims: This is a staggering assertion. The evidence shows the exact opposite, that in Adamski's claims as described in 'Flying Saucers Have Landed' we have the best documented and authenticated events in the whole history of the subject. It is, in fact, very difficult to see just how much more evidence could be expected, short of delivering a Scout Ship to J. Cleary-Baker's front door!

This brings us to Adamski's second book - 'Inside the Space Ships'. In this book is described a number of further meetings with Space People, the first one taking place (about three months after the desert contact) in Los Angeles, to which Adamski had been drawn by the kind of urgent impression described in 'Flying Saucers Have Landed'. Adamski claims that he was taken by car to a Scout Ship waiting some distance away, thence to a large Mother Ship hovering high in the atmosphere. It is unfortunate for those who immediately wrote off such claims as being too fantastic for serious consideration that a practically identical experience was described later by a 42 year old Italian who said that at the time of his experience he had not even heard the name of Adamski. His contacts, too, said that they were Venusians. The experience is related in F.S.R. Vol. 8 No. 5. Referring at this point to Mrs. Klarer, her description of the interior of the Scout Ship in which she was taken tallies exactly with Adamski's. It is also worth mentioning that Wilbert Smith wrote in 1958 that there were many published instances of contact between "these people from outside" and people of Earth, and a very great many more which have not been published. I myself am fortunate in having as a close friend of many years standing, a man whose personal experiences in this field, including two remarkable contacts, have brought him from scepticism to a conviction of the complete truth of Adamski's story. One of his sightings, with a companion, was of the Submarine Type Space Ship photographed by Adamski and reproduced on Plate 4 of the American edition of 'Inside the Space Ships'.

To discuss the content of the various discourses related in this book would require an article and more, in itself. There are bound to be differences of opinion as to their value. My own view, and I have given such matters a great deal of thought over a number of years, is that the discourses give the essentials of a truly cosmic philosophy and religion. Like other great exoteric discourses they are deceptively simple, but I believe that we have all been immensely privileged to be given them. But in any case, as I pointed out in my

SATELLITE RADIO FREQUENCIES

The list of frequencies given below was agreed upon at the Space Communications Conference of the International Telecommunications Union held in Geneva in November 1964.

Radio Amateurs and space listeners should be able to receive these frequencies with a minimum of specialised equipment

<u>Frequency Band</u>	<u>Purpose of Allocation</u>
10,003 - 10,005 kc/s	Space research
15,762 - 15,768 kc/s	Space research
18,030 - 18,036 kc/s	Space research
19,990 - 20,010 kc/s	Space research
20,007 kc/s	May be used in an emergency, in the search for, and rescue of, astronauts and space vehicles
30,005 - 30,010 kc/s	Space research
39,986 - 40,002 kc/s	Space research
136 - 137 mc/s	Space research (telemetry and tracking)
137 - 138 mc/s	Meteorological satellites, space research (telemetry and tracking) and space service
143.6 - 143.65 mc/s	Space research (telemetry and tracking)
144 - 146 mc/s	Radio Amateur space activities
148.25 mc/s (\pm 15 kc/s)	Space telecommand
149.9 - 150.05 mc/s	Radionavigation satellites
154.2 mc/s (\pm 15 kc/s)	Space telecommand
183.1 - 184.1 mc/s	Space research
267 - 273 mc/s	Space (telemetry)
399.9 - 400.05 mc/s	Radionavigation satellites
400.05 - 401 mc/s	Meteorological satellites (maintenance telemetry), space research (telemetry and tracking)
401 - 402 mc/s	Space (telemetry)
449.75 - 450.25 mc/s	Space telecommand
460 - 470 mc/s	Meteorological satellites

!!! Issued on other than the special purpose, launching time as required locally.

Crawley (Sussex), Canmore (Alberta), Valparaiso (Chile),
 Sharwell (Tas), Long Beach (Utah), Angkor (Thailand), Humpy (Korea),
 Those in U.S. and Europe are: - Levok (Soviet Union), Storoway (Ireland),
 ! Could drift over from other countries.

FREE FLYING METEOROLOGICAL BALLOONS

Type	1 Ceiling	2 Pilot	3 Sounding	4 High Altitude	5 Level Flying
Launching Site	Any met office	Certain met offices	Official upper air stations Other sites !!!	Mainly official upper air stations	Mainly official upper air stations
Purpose	To determine cloud base	To determine upper winds by visual tracking	To determine upper winds by radar tracking, and other upper air data	For special studies	
Launching times	Any time when cloudy or overcast	Any time, usually in daylight	Regularly close to :- 05.30, 11.30, 17.30, 23.30, G.M.T. And at other times for training	Irregular	Irregular
Diameter at launch	10 - 23 ins.	23 - 40 ins.	3.7 - 6.2 ft.	6.6 - 8.0 ft.	10 - 30 ft. Some may be larger
Diameter at burst	11½ - 42 ins.	60 - 90 ins.	10 - 16 ft.	22 - 32 ft.	
Bursting Altitude	-	-	42,000 - 70,000 ft.	76,000 - 115,000 ft.	Flight levels 40 - 100,000 ft.
Rates of Ascent	300 - 500 ft/min.	500 - 1,000 ft/min.	800 - 1,500 ft/min.	1,000 - 1,500 ft/min.	
Colours	White, red, orange, black, blue.	White, red, orange, black, blue.	White	White	White or silvery
Attachments	Large size may have 10 ft. "tail" or a small light	Larger sizes may be covered with radar reflecting net (usually fawn)	Brown paper parachute plus at least one of the following :- Radar reflector (foil or net) up to 3 ft dia. Metal sphere a few ins. dia. Radio Sonde (metal) about 1 ft. high	As (3)	As (3)

! Could drift over from other countries.

!! These in U.K. and Eire are :- Lerwick (Shetland Isles), Stornoway (Hebrides), Shanwell (Fife), Long Kesh (Ulster), Anghton (Lancs), Hensby (Norfolk), Crawley (Sussex), Camborne (Cornwall), Valentia (Eire).

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